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All Bids Rejected On Wildwood School

The Wilmington School Building Committee, Monday night, rejected all bids for the new school, on Wildwood Street. The committee had found that all bids were beyond the range of the money available.

The committee is now renewing plans for the school, with an eye to revisions that will make a bid possible, and are hopeful to call for new bids in a few weeks.

The lowest bid offered, that of the Specter Construction Co., was for \$457,440, which was about \$25,000 more than the School Building Committee has available for this phase of the construction of the new school.

Besides the members of the committee and the architects, Philip Buzzell, Town Counsel and Arthur Lynch, member of the School Committee were present at the Monday night meeting of the School Building Committee.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION RUMMAGE SALE

The Middlesex County Extension Service will hold a Rummage Sale, in Concord, in the Red and White store on Commonwealth Ave, West Concord, beginning at 10 am April 17th, to help defray the county's share of the expenses for the National Home Demonstration Council meeting, to be held in Boston, August 31st. to Sept. 3rd.

Anyone interested in helping Wilmington's extension work may call Mrs. Ellen Dominici, Federal St.

CDA WHIST AND FOOD SALE

The CDA Whist and Food Sale will be held this evening, at the home of Mrs. Provenzano, 220 West Street, starting at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Provenzano is being assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Burke of Westdale Avenue.

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TAX BILLS TALKED ABOUT

Selectman Black, on Monday night, at the Selectmans meeting, asked if it would be possible to get tax bills out earlier. He reported that a number of taxpayers would be interested in paying their bills before July 15th, if they could get their bills in time.

Jim Lawlor then asked if it would be possible to ever catch up on the tax bill work. "Say we are three months behind,—we should make a concentrated effort to catch up, and then keep there."

TM Cushing then spoke on the tabulating machine that he is planning to buy. He pointed to a demonstration sheet of work done in the Town of Maynard, full of figures, and said "35 seconds work." Maynard, he reported gets all their poll tax bills out in one day.

The TM compared Wilmington's real estate listings with some of the other municipalities, and added that Wilmington has over 20,000 separate lots of real estate, which has to be tabulated before the bills can be made, each year. One individual, the TM reported, owned enough small separate lots, each paying about \$1.25 a year in taxes, to fill six pages of the Assessors Ledgers.

CAROL COSTELLO IN W.A.F.

Carol Costello, 82 Faulkner Avenue, left Wilmington on March 23rd, after enlisting in the Women's Air Force. The eldest of 6 children, Carol was in her senior year in Wilmington High School. Her new address is A/B Carol Costello, AA8-111-522, Flight 17, 3744th WAF trng Sqdn, Lockland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

BLACK COMPLAINS ABOUT DIRT IN TOWN SQUARE

Charles Black, Monday night, at the Selectman's meeting, pointed out that there is nothing being done about keeping Wilmington square clean. He also complained to the Town Manager that a sewerage odor is to be detected, near the Boston and Maine depot, which should be traced and stopped.

LT. GOVERNOR WHITTIER ADDRESSES STUDENT COUNCILS

Lt. Governor Whittier addressed approximately 360 Student-Council Delegates and Faculty Advisors at the Annual Spring Convention and Election of the Eastern Massachusetts Division of Student-Councils, held at the Gloucester High School, April eleventh.

He stressed the fact that it is unfair to judge all young people by what a few do, and that he was proud of the students who "took over" at the State House on Good Government Day.

He also stated that today's adults' problems will soon become today's teen-ager problems. Following this he traced the history of the development of the Good Government Day Program which he inaugurated as State Senator.

Supt. Grandy of the Gloucester Schools and Principal Arthur Smith of the High School also addressed the group.

Mr. Smith stated that the Principal of Gloucester High School needs the active help of the Student Council in the Administration of and development of administrative policies.

The addresses were followed by 10 Workshops most of which were covered by the four delegates from the Wilmington High School Student Council. They were: Andrew Pupa, Lucille Cavallaro, Sandra Harris and Verlie Eaton.

The delegates left Wilmington at 7:45 a.m., and returned home at 5:15 p.m. They were accompanied by Miss Farello, advisor.

WILMINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB WILL MEET APRIL 16

The Wilmington Women's Club will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, April 16 in the Vestry of the Methodist Church. Dessert at 1:30 p.m. will be followed by the business meeting at 2 p.m. with the reading of annual reports and election of officers. Mrs. Elmer Gratecy will preside.

The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. James Kingsland Romeyn. Her subject will be "The Drama of the Front Door."

TROOP 101 GIRL SCOUTS STUDIES GEOLOGY

Nine girls of Troop 101, together with Mrs. Ernest B. Rice Jr. and Claude Helwig, made a trip to the Museum of Science, last Thursday. The girls inspected the exhibits of geological specimens in the Museum, and had half an hour to talk with Mr. Waldron, the head of the Geology Department of the Museum of Science.

One exhibit of semi-precious stones and metals, which the young ladies were able to see had just been returned from the window of Shreve, Crump, and Low, Jewelers.

The girls are studying for their geology merit badge, which requires a collection of local geological specimens.

Warren Cheever, 8th Grade Science Teacher, gave a follow-up lecture, to that of the Museum of Science, Monday afternoon, and the girls are now making plans for visiting an out-of town quarry, next week, in their search for specimens.

LAWLER NOT INTERESTED IN MILEAGE TAX

Selectman Lawler, Monday night, told the Town Manager that he believed it to be to the best interest of the town if that gentleman would confine himself to things of interest to the town itself. He pointed out that the benefits of a Mileage Tax would be for every town in the Commonwealth, and not for Wilmington by itself, and thus should be beyond the TM's scope of activities.

POWER COMPANIES INTERESTED IN WILMINGTON

The Town Manager, Monday night, reported that several power companies are ready to discuss a change in franchise, for electrical power in Wilmington. He mentioned the names of officers of the New England Power Company, and of the Edison Electric Company. The president of one of the firms is to visit the Town Hall Wednesday, for further discussion.

The TM expressed his willingness to transfer the franchise for power, in Wilmington, to any company ready to make a good offer. He pointed out that the 2800 KVA capacity now in use in Wilmington will have to be greatly increased in the near future. One of the plants locating here will be using 600 KVA, the TM reported and there is another that will be using 600 to 1000 KVA in the near future, according to their present plans.

Joseph Woods wanted to know about places in Wilmington reported as being serviced with 90 volts, and the Town Manager stated that the Department of Public Utilities is now checking places in Wilmington, using two sealed voltmeters for the purpose.

JOHN SHEEHAN PRESIDENT OF EAST WILMINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

John Sheehan, West Street was elected president of the East Wilmington Improvement Association, on April 7th, at the regular monthly meeting in the Clubhouse, on Lowell street.

Renee La Rivee of Concord Street was elected Vice President. Other officers elected were Minot Anderson, Treasurer; Mrs. Anne M. Low, Financial Secretary, and Mrs. Marjorie La Rivee, Clerk. Elected to the Board of Directors were Mrs. Wavie Drew, Tom McGuinness, Florence Balkus, Mrs. Helen Gammons, Mrs. Dorothy Darling, Paul Metcalf and James Low.

The Association has a whist party, in the Clubhouse, every Thursday night, at 8 p.m. with prizes and refreshments, which is open to the public.

TM PROPOSES IMPROVED TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR THE TOWN HALL

The Town Manager, and the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. have been discussing an improved telephone service, for the Town Hall, he reported to the Selectmen, Monday night.

The improved service would have all three numbers for the telephones in the same numerical order, (as for example 4500 4501 - 4502) so that dialing the first number would get any telephone that was not busy. A master control switch, in the Town Hall, could transfer calls to any of the telephones in the Town Hall.

D. A. V. LEASE SIGNED

The Board of Selectmen, Monday night, signed the agreement for the leasing of the D.A.V. Clubhouse, on Grove Avenue. The American Legion Clubhouse had been signed, several weeks previously.

PLANTS HAVE CANCER TOO

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THE WILDWOOD SCHOOL

One thing is certain. The action of the School Building Committee, in throwing out all the bids for the Wildwood School, now means that the school will not be ready for occupancy after the next Christmas vacation.

Our editorial on this school, last week, pointed, indirectly to this. We took some time to discuss many of the phases, because we thought it of interest to the town.

One feature of the editorial caught a number of eyes, in Wilmington, and that was our report on \$13,000 being cut off by the Finance Committee. We had that information from the School Building Committee, who state that it is a part of their records.

Since then we have been told by several trustworthy gentlemen, not members of the Building Committee, nor of the Finance Committee, that there has been a misunderstanding on that point, and that the Finance Committee was co-operating fully with the School Building Committee.

We for one do not wish to make a mountain of a molehill. We are only too happy to report that any committee in this town is cooperating with another, and we hope that the co-operation continues.

OUR LITTLE WORD ABOUT RUSSIA

All the papers today are filled with wise words, by various pundits, about the sudden turn-about of the Bear who walks like a Man, and tries to act like a Dove.

May we offer our little thought?

Russia respected the United States, during the last war, because of our strength. Its respect dropped, as our strength decreased, after the war. We are again in a position of some strength, and the attitude is changing again.

Russia, respects strength. The lesson is obvious.

TAX ON THRIFT

We were amazed to learn the other day that there is a bill in the Legislature (House 45) that would put a tax on thrift.

The bill would put a tax on all savings accounts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including those in Savings Banks, Savings Departments of Trust Companies, Cooperative Banks, Credit Unions and Federal Home Loans and Savings Associations. It has been proposed by Commissioner of Taxation Henry Long.

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P T A CARD PARTY PLANNED

A hostess card party is being planned for the next meeting of the Wilmington P.T.A. to be held Tuesday evening, April 28, at the high school cafeteria. Bridge, whist, canasta or other card games are being arranged by individual hostesses. Any body interested in being a hostess may call Mrs. Alan Sheperd, 2931, or Mrs. Thibodeau, 3776. Already over thirty tables have been listed. The donations for the tickets goes to swell the P.T.A. scholarship fund which necessarily must be larger this year, as tuition for teachers colleges has gone up.

Mrs. E. B. Rice, Jr. president will conduct the business meeting preceding the card party.

READERS' FORUM



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From the many reminders of my promise to write an article now and then regarding my term in the Legislature, in my campaign advertising previous to the election last year, it is evident many folks do read such political advertising.

In addition to the gentle reminders, there are also many questions seeking information, such as: "What do they mean when they say the Republicans held a caucus?" "Do you and Mr. Tanner sit beside each other? Why not, don't you get along together?" "How does the Speaker of the House get to be Speaker?" "Do they call the roll the same time every day, and what happens if you are late?" and many others. These questions indicate a desire on the part of many to know something about our State Legislature and how it works.

The reason I have not written before is that the whole set-up is different in many ways from the mental picture I had of it, and in getting myself adjusted, I did not have the perspective to put my thoughts properly on paper. I shall now try to carry out my promise with the understanding that I am writing from a "Freshman's" point of view.

I shall answer the second question first. Mr. Tanner and I ride home together nearly every night, have met for lunch or supper several times, and two or three times a week we visit each other across the room during the session.

As to "How did you get your seat?", every seat in the House is numbered. About a week before the House opened, Mr. Tanner and I visited the State House where he introduced me to many of the office heads in the building and to the personnel who are on duty in the House of Representatives. On the day the House was formally opened, he took me in hand and led me to a seat adjoining his own where I sat for the first two weeks. Then one day the seats were assigned. Those who had been there the previous term had the right to keep their own seat if they wanted to. The numbers of the vacant seats were then put in a box just under the Speaker's rostrum while the majority leader and the minority leader stood on each side of the box. The Clerk of the House then called the name of a representative who had no seat, and the majority

leader drew out a number which was the number of the seat that member would have. When the next name was read, the minority leader drew out a number and so on down the list until the writer's name was called, and the minority leader pulled the number 151, which then became my seat. This placed Mr. Tanner and me about as far apart as it is possible to be.

There are 240 seats which are divided into four sections by three aisles leading from the open space in front of the Speaker's rostrum to three doors leading into the corridors. The middle door, which is directly opposite the center of the Speaker's rostrum is opened only when the Governor or his messenger or some dignitary is admitted to the Chamber and who is accompanied by the Sergeant-at-arms wearing his swallow tail coat, tall silk hat, and carrying a white mace, who enters the Chamber first and about six steps ahead of the guest. Even he cannot enter through this door until the Speaker, who has been advised of the visit, calls the members to attention by the rap of his gavel and then says, "Admit His Excellency the Governor." Whereupon the two uniformed court officers, who have been standing in front of the double doors, then open them back to admit the guest.

When the Governor wishes to send a message of some kind to the House, he does so by sending a messenger who is received into the Chamber in the above fashion, accompanied by the Sergeant-at-arms, and he cannot enter until the Speaker instructs the above mentioned officers to "Admit the Governor's Messenger."

It is interesting to note that when the Governor enters on an official visit, all members in the Chamber stand and applaud; whereas, when the Governor's Messenger enters, the applause is very limited. However, when he has delivered his message and turns to walk up the aisle towards the door, every member is on his feet cheering and clapping, while the messenger maintains his dignity as he leaves the Chamber.

A "caucus" is, according to the dictionary, "a preparatory meeting for political purposes" which covers the situation exactly. The first caucus the writer attended was on the day the House officially opened, when all the Republicans, who had been notified earlier by mail, gathered in one room for the purpose of selecting someone to be Speaker of the House. At the same time, the Democrats were meeting in caucus in another room for the same purpose. As the Republicans in the House outnumbered the Democrats, there was no question but that the Republican

choice would be the Speaker, and the choice of the Democratic caucus would be the minority leader. Charles Gibbons, of whom I shall speak in a later article, who had been minority leader for the past two years when the Democrats were in power, was the unanimous choice in the Republican caucus. We then returned to the Chamber and awaited the Democrats who were in caucus longer than we were. In time, all seats were filled with the exception of two Republicans and one Democrat, all of whom were home sick. The Republicans still had a majority of six, which, by the way, is not too safe a margin at times. The session was then called to order by an old member of the House, of whom I shall write in a later article, and the work of duly electing the Speaker of the House proceeded. The Clerk then called the names of the members alphabetically, and as each name was called, that person answered by saying Charles Gibbons or Robert Murphy according to his political connection. Charles Gibbons received the highest count and was duly installed as Speaker, and as he mounted the rostrum, the members were on their feet cheering and with loud clapping of hands. It seemed to make no difference whether the member was a Republican or Democrat as the entire Chamber rose to join in the acclamation.

The caucuses since then have been when some method of procedure on some bill then pending was discussed or some information given from a Republican point of view or a Democratic one as the case might be to guide them in the way they felt some bill should be handled.

In later articles I shall try to answer the other questions which have been asked me as well as those which might come to me as a result of this article.

Charles E. Wilkinson

CHILDREN DAMAGE HOME

The Wilmington Police Department, on April 9th, apprehended six children damaging a home on Wing Road. The children were turned over to the custody of their parents.

CHANGES IN THE TOWN HALL

Visitors to the Town Hall will not recognize the place at first glance, as a result of the rearrangement and addition of furniture there recently. Three new desks have been provided for Town Accountant, Town Sanitarian and Town Building Inspector, and all other desks have been moved to new positions.

SELECTMEN INVITED TO VIEW DISPOSAL PLANT

The Board of Selectmen have received an invitation to view a Tannery Waste Disposal Plant, in Ayer, at 2 p.m. April 17th, when it is to be placed in operation for the first time. The plant is described as "unique". Several of the Selectmen will attend.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR NEE-ELLSWORTH POST SATURDAY

The Nee-Ellsworth Post of the VFW, together with its Auxiliary, will hold its annual and colorful ceremony, of installation of officers for the coming year, Saturday evening, in the High School.

Installing officer for the Auxiliary will be Mrs. Rose Herring, of Lowell, President of District 15, Auxiliary of the V.F.W. Mrs. Herring will be accompanied by her staff and will install Mrs. Rose Gatta of Cedar Street as President of the Nee-Ellsworth Auxiliary. Other officers to be installed will be Mrs. Beatrice McCormick, Senior Vice, and Mrs. Janet Simmons, Junior Vice President; Mrs. Josephine Vadaikes, Chaplain; Mrs. Mabel Kennedy, Secretary; Mrs. Margaret Baker, Treasurer; Mrs. Madeline Higginbotham, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, Historian; Mrs. Helen Miller, Trustee and the Color Bearers, Mrs. Mary Sottile, Mrs. Ruth Palino, Mrs. Marilyn Lynch and Mrs. Elaine Kearney.

Thomas Lafionatis of Shaw-sheen Road is to be installed, as Commander of the Nee-Ellsworth Post, by a staff led by Frederick Kleyman, Past Commander of the Nee-Ellsworth Post. Other officials to be installed will be Senior Vice Commander, William Wagstaff; Junior Vice Commander, Richard B. Ethier; Chaplain, John J. Madigan; Quartermaster, Fred M. Kleyman Sr.; Adjutant, William A. Simmons and Trustee, John Vadaikes.

JOHN TILLEY IN MEDITERRANEAN

With the Sixth Fleet - Marine Pfc. John H. Tilley, son of Mrs. Grace H. Tilley, 11 Glendale Circle, Wilmington, Mass., has completed the first half of a goodwill tour to island and countries in the Mediterranean.

A member of the Second Battalion, Eight Marines, (Reinforced), he has visited the islands of Crete, Sicily and Sardinia and the cities of Athens, Greece, Oran and Bone, Algeria and Marseilles, France.

The unit is now in Golfe Juan, France, from which tours to Paris, Switzerland and the French Alps will be made. The city of Cannes, France, with the neighboring towns of Golfe Juan, Juan les Pins, Antibes, Grasse, and various small villages along the coast between Cannes and Nice, from the major portion of the resort known as the French Riviera.

Before 1834, when the city of Cannes first attracted the attention of Lord Brougham, it was an ancient little hill town built on Mont Chevalier. Of its early history little is known except that it was twice destroyed by the Saracens in the eighth and tenth centuries, but was recolonized from Genoa. It is now one of the most fashionable resorts in the world.

About three and a half miles from the center of Cannes is the place where Napoleon landed on March 1, 1815, on his return from Elba. The towns and villages surrounding Cannes Nice and Golfe Juan are steeped in historical significance.

The sun-bathed strip of land bordering the Mediterranean is called La Cote d'Azur, the Azure Coast, because of the color of the water. Here Marines may enjoy tennis, speedboating, golf, swimming and facilities offered by an opera house and race track as well as other amusements.

The country of the surrounding area is beautiful. Oranges, lemons, olives, almonds, figs, peaches, grapes and other fruits are extensively grown. For the world-famous perfumes made in nearby Grasse, flowers are widely cultivated and the fragrance of jasmin, attar of roses and orange blossoms lingers in the air.

In France, with hardly a thought as to what is desired, the advice is given, "go to the Riviera". Leather-necks join in the chorus, for it is truly the playground of the world.

Tilley's address is PFC John H. Tilley, USMC, Easy Co. 2nd Bn, 8th Marine, RIENE, FPO, N.Y.

BOARD OF APPEALS TURNS DOWN GRIMES

The Board of Appeals has turned down the request of Joseph A. Grimes for a variance to the building laws, so that he could erect and operate a laundromat at the corner of Kiernan Avenue and Lowell Street. The decision was dated April 3, 1953.

SURPRISE SNOWFALL BLANKETS WILMINGTON

The worst snowfall of the year, in many ways, fell on Wilmington during the night of April 13th and 14th. Five and one half inches of snow had fallen by 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, snowfall which followed .98 inches of rain on the preceding day.

Unpredicted by any of the weather reports, the snowfall caught all the public utilities unawares. The Wilmington highway department was called out at 10 p.m., to remove snow plows which had been stored away for the summer. The tree department worked all night, clearing fallen branches, and the telephone and electric light servicemen were kept going all through the night.

Many parts of Wilmington were without electric power or light for several hours.

BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVES LOT VARIANCE ON GLENDALE CIRCLE

The Board of Appeals, in a decision dated April 3rd, has approved of the request of Earl Hamilton, for a variance on Glendale Circle. Hamilton had requested a variance for a lot of about one acre, but which had a frontage of only 87 feet. The decision of the board was that the lot could be used for building a home, providing that the home was not built any closer than the law allows, to any abutting lot.

JEAN ANDERSON BRIDE OF GREGORY HAKE

Miss Jean Anderson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Park Street became the bride of Gregory Hakey, of Brattle Street, at a candlelight ceremony, at her parents home, on Saturday, April 11th.

Miss Judith Cooke, of Andover was Maid of Honor, and Robert Palmer, West Street was Best Man, with Miss Linda Cooke, of Andover playing the Processional music from Mendelssohn on the piano.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are both graduates of Wilmington High School, and are well known in Wilmington social circles. Mrs. Gregory has been attending the Pierce Secretarial School, in Boston.

After a short wedding trip to New York, Mr. Gregory will leave tomorrow with the US Army on April 21st.



Definition and History of Little League

Little League Baseball is Big League Baseball adapted to the mental and physical capacities of boys 12 years of age and under. It is regulation baseball with several exceptions, necessary in order that the strength of the young players will not be overtaxed—exceptions such as equipment, number of innings, size of field, distance of pitcher's plate from home plate and distance between bases.

Little League Baseball was organized in 1939 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The organizer, Carl E. Stotz, a native son of Williamsport, realized that boys 12 and under desired, more than anything else, competition in their own age group with field equipment trimmed down to their size. Carl Stotz had seen too many youngsters sit on the sidelines unable to get in their game because they were too small or too young. He had been a very real part of the "heartbreak" as a kid, and, as a man, he'd watched the disappointment so often that he did something about it. He organized Little League Baseball for boys in that age group. His first move was to interest a few friends, then he interested several Williamsport business men in his long-time dream and idea for baseball for boys. The start in Williamsport was a three-team league with 12 uniformed players on each team, and the games played on a diamond two-thirds the size of a regulation diamond.

That was in 1939. The idea was an immediate success and the growth of Little League Baseball has been phenomenal. The 1952 season showed 1810 leagues organized comprising 7,650 teams with approximately 115,000 boys 12 years of age and under on the roster of regular "first"

teams. In addition to this, well over 60,000 boys found places on "farm teams."

Little Leagues are organized in 44 states across the nation and operate also in Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Benefits to Communities and Boys
It would be impossible to measure accurately and completely the benefits of Little League Baseball to the individual boy, the team on which he plays, the league to which he belongs, and the entire community where Little League Baseball operates. There are far too many intangibles.

The objectives of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, is to provide baseball for boys. Meticulous adherence to this aim undoubtedly is the reason for its popularity in thousands of communities. The boys participating in the game, the adults contributing their services and the fans rooting in the bleachers all get something out of Little League—and it's considerably more than just wholesome recreation.

The real benefits lie in intangibles which become evident as the program establishes itself in the community.

We find old-fashioned, grass-root Americanism becoming a dynamic force in the community and this applies to adults as well as boys.

So far as the boy is concerned, the application of the principles of Americanism is apparent from the first call for candidates for the team. Youngsters from all walks of life, without regard to race or religion, report for practice with the common goal of making the team. The social or economic position of parents has no bearing in this competition.

As teams are formed, in accordance with the prescribed auction system, the manager has but one thought, and that is can a boy pitch, field, run or bat? Depending upon the size of the league's bounded area, the pool of candidates will include from 100 to 500 boys.

As the auction of this group progresses, we find teams composed of youngsters from every section of the league's area. These boys' interest in their teammates parallels that of the manager as batting, fielding or pitching ability is the only yardstick.

The formation of Little League teams as prescribed in the regulations, help to eliminate boyish gangs and cliques. Un-American traits, such as thinking that a fellow who attends another church is "different" are greatly eliminated. Ideas that a youngster who comes from a different race is not a person with whom to associate will be corrected.

All these basic elements of Americanism are maintained through the close association the boys have on the baseball diamond. While playing together, the boys soon learn that their teammate is a pretty good fellow, no matter on which side of the railroad tracks he happens to live.

What more can a town want than the instilling of fine principles of sportsmanship, tolerance and understanding in its youth? These essential qualities are brought to the community as one of the intangibles of Little League.

All Little League teams must be uniformed. The players take pride in the wearing of this uniform; they know that should they engage in malicious mischief, they would lose this privilege.

Little League makes no pretense of being a "cure-all" for juvenile delinquency. We do find that in communities where the program is established, the boys behave and make their towns better places in which to live.

The players, being in the formative years of their lives, are particularly susceptible to attention from adults. The managers and coaches of the teams set examples in conduct, sportsmanship and behavior which the players copy. The adults' character is infinitely more important than their knowledge of baseball.

The youngsters are impressed by the crowds composed of their parents, neighbors, perhaps police officers, and school officials who attend the games. In fact, the interest demonstrated by the fans has a profound effect on the minds of the youthful players—their names are announced over loud speakers, box scores appear in the newspapers, together with the story of the game. This impresses the boys with the certainty that they are rather outstanding individuals in their communities and not "just another kid" hanging around a vacant lot wistfully hoping for a ball game.

As to the fans, we find that the Little League variety is different from those attending other base-

ball games. Just as the teams come from all sections of town and represent all walks of life, so do the fans.

Persons who ordinarily would have little in common meet in the bleachers and become acquainted through a mutual interest in youth. There is quick applause for a solid hit or a fine feat of fielding. There also is sympathy for the youngster. Men and women from ranks of both management and labor sit side by side and, in the course of the game their mutual concern for the players creates an understanding which extends far beyond the ball field.

Little League requires the support of the whole community. It is a jealous taskmaster. Manpower—and womenpower, too—is essential in every phase of operations. Service to Little League is tantamount to service to your community. There are no financial rewards to the persons who contribute time and money to the movement. But the workers do see the result of their efforts in the form of youngsters who are developing into real Americans. They see the residents of their community being welded together with a more tolerant understanding of each other's problems. This is the reward which comes to Little League workers. These are the dividends they receive.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir;

In that I am about to be separated from the Army and very soon will be returning to civilian life again, I would like to request that you discontinue sending me the Crusader each week.

I have experienced a good deal of pleasure, during my time in the service, from receiving the paper and I would like to express my gratitude to you of the Crusader and to the gentlemen of the American Legion for your kindness.

Thanking you again, I remain
Sincerely,
Robert G. Blaisdell

GAS STATION PERMIT REFERRED TO BOARD OF APPEALS

The Selectmen, Monday night, considered an application for a

gas station on Lowell Street, and found that the site was not in a proper zone. They decided to notify the applicant that he would have to discuss his case with the Board of Appeals.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS DISCUSSED

Charles Black, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen asked the Town Manager at the Monday night meeting if any information was available as to when the new police officers would be appointed.

The TM reported that the Chief of Police was making up a working schedule, so as to afford the most protection to the town from the men, with such features as a double shift on, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., for the protection of school children, plus other similar features.

"When this plan has been worked out, we will probably be in a position to make the appointments," the TM reported.

The TM then went on to announce that there would be a police school, open to police officers of this state, starting on October 26th, and he wanted an opinion as to whether it would be best to send the younger officers, or the older ones.

Charles Black said, "All of them—including the Chief."

Lawler wanted to know if anything had been done about cleaning up the police station. He characterized the place as "filthy," and said that no effort had been made to keep it clean. He said that the fact that a new station was to be built was no excuse for keeping the old station dirty, and wondered what the new station would look like after a couple of years.

JOE WOODS COMPLAINS ABOUT JUNK CARS

Selectman Woods, at the Selectmen's meeting, Monday night, complained about junked automobiles, visible from the trains, near Eames Street, in Wilmington. The TM reported that the owner has promised to alleviate the situation.

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Open to the public without charge, the lecture will be sponsored by The Mother Church The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Sammons will speak on "Christian Science: The Science That Meets the Human Need." He is a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

Formerly vice-president and general manager of an engineering manufacturing firm, Mr. Sammons resigned from this work in 1931 to devote his time exclusively to the public practice of Christian Science healing. He began his study of

Christian Science in 1911. During World War II, he served as a Christian Warfare Minister at Military posts in Wyoming and California. He served in the Air Corps during World War I.

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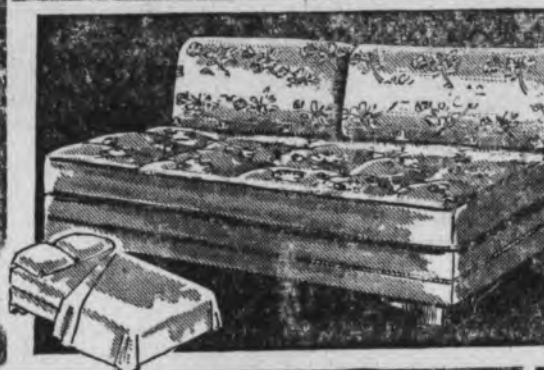
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BOSTON, MASS. — "Congratulations for an outstanding accomplishment for your home town as well as for The Salvation Army" were officially extended today to "every leader and every volunteer worker" who participated in Wilmington's "over the top" Friendly Appeal by Colonel William H. Fox, New England leader of the organization with headquarters in Boston.

With final tabulations now having reached the Boston office, the special message was coincident with the announcement that Wilmington residents always united their support of the widespread humanitarian efforts of The Salvation Army—had raised a total of \$1057.02 to reach 117 percent of their quota. This amount is only slightly under the record-breaking total of last year and therefore is the second highest amount raised in the history of the Friendly Appeal in Wilmington.

Officials of The Salvation Army's Public Relations Department added their congratulations to those of Colonel Fox by saying, "This figure is a remarkable accomplishment and proves that The Salvation Army has the loyalty and support of people from all walks of life, both among the volunteer workers and also the contributors. But the major portion of the credit for this outstanding successful campaign must go to Mrs. Albert E. Kitchener, Aldrich Road, who served as general chairman and Mrs. Francis E. Merrill, 364 Chestnut Street, who was residential chairman, and the efficiency, hard work and untiring efforts of their volunteer workers. They certainly helped The Salvation Army to live up to its finest intentions of asking 'more people to give' rather than requesting long-time friends to 'give more'."

Top Friendly Appeal leaders who shared the spotlight with the ladies included: Joseph B. McMahon, Manager of the Mechanics Savings Bank, who served as Campaign Treasurer for the tenth year in succession.

"The Salvation Army has the very warmest appreciation for all concerned in the Wilmington Appeal," Colonel Fox said. "We of the Army have accepted our dedication to the service of God through service to man so we

expect sacrifices of each other in line of duty.

"But when other people, not of the Army, give their time and zeal and effort to uphold what we are doing, without being so dedicated, we have all the keener appreciation and gratitude.

"We are deeply grateful to the people of Wilmington for their contributions and for backing up the efforts of appeal leaders and volunteer workers," Colonel Fox concluded.

A total of 211.40 will remain in the Wilmington Service Fund to be used exclusively for local needs not only in emergencies but throughout the year. The Wilmington Service Fund, which is entirely administered by a local committee, makes possible clothing, fuel, camp vacations, dental and medical care, Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, and other services deemed necessary for people of all ages, creeds and color without red tape or delay. The remainder of the contributions help support many of the famed regional activities of The Salvation Army, which also benefit Wilmington residents.

WILMINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE GETS FRANCHISE

Mike Weinberg, President of the Wilmington Little League, has a proud smile, these days, as he exhibits the Little League Franchise, for Wilmington. The franchise was granted by Little League of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and will be exhibited at the regular meeting, Thursday evening, in the Ambulance room of the Police Station.

RENE LA RIVEE NOW AVIATION CADET

Rene La Rivee Jr. of Concord Street has been accepted as an Aviation Cadet, in the United States Air Force, and began his studies on April 1st, at Harlingen, Texas.

La Rivee enlisted in the United States Air Force, last year, and was stationed for some time at the James Connelly Air Force Base, in Waco, Texas, where he served as an Airman Third Class in a Maintenance Squadron.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene La Rivee, he recently spent 15 days on furlough, at the home of his parents. His new address is Aviation Cadet Rene La Rivee Jr. AF 21290-210, Box 129, Av. Cadet P.O., Harlingen AFB, Harlingen, Texas.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HEARS TELEPHONE EXECUTIVE

The Holy Name Society, of St. Thomas, at its regular monthly meeting, last Sunday, heard Mr. John L. Hannon, of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, speak on "Labor Relations".

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY TO HAVE WHIST

There will be a whist party, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Calnan, on Wild Avenue, on April 21st, at 8 p.m., by the members of the Patrons of Husbandry.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER SUFFER INJURIES WITHIN THE SAME HALF HOUR

Mrs. Edna Melzar, of Lake Street and Mrs. Marjorie Emery, her daughter, both suffered injuries, in two separate mishaps, in Winchester last Sunday.

The ladies were at the Winchester Congregational Church, with the Junior Choir of Wilmington Congregational Church. Mrs. Emery, who had been playing the organ, accompanying the choir, injured her wrists, as she left the organ chair. Mrs. Melzar slipped on the steps of the church, half an hour later, and injured her ankle, requiring hospitalization in the Winchester Hospital.

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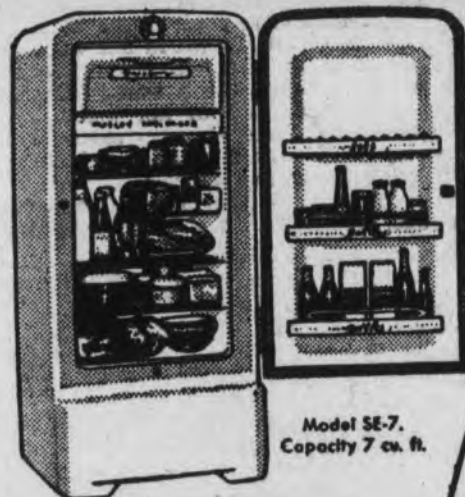
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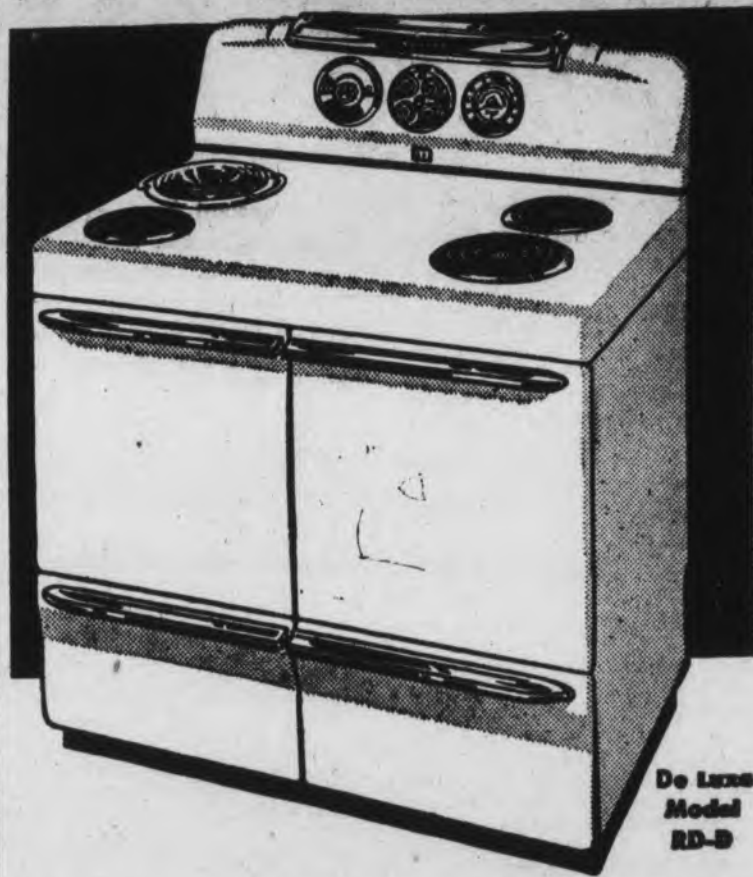
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IT IS FIFTY YEARS SINCE THE "WILMINGTON FIRE"

Fifty years ago, April 13, 1903, Wilmington Square was swept by a fire which destroyed two principal buildings, and threatened others.

Compared to the loss from other fires, the damage was not too great, but, to the Town of Wilmington, for many years, it was a landmark of history. Everything was dated "from the fire."

Two buildings were burned, one owned by Schmiel R. McIntosh, and the other by the Ames family. McIntosh's was the hardware store, while the Hudson store stood in the site of the present Drug Store block.

Damages, estimated, by the Boston papers, to range from \$250,000 to \$500,000. It was this fire which caused a group of people to form the Wilmington Fire Department, under Charles B. Osborn, and John S. Harri-

man.

was a quite country town, with farming for the principle industry. It had several railroad stations, two street car lines, three churches, the usual number of staid citizens, some of whom commuted to Boston every day on the Boston & Maine RR.

In Wilmington Square, three or four buildings dominated the scene. The most ornate was that of Dr. Mrs. Hiller, adjacent to the Post Office. Mrs. Hiller had died three years before, and the building was empty. It is today, an apartment building.

Mrs. Hiller was responsible for several features of her house which were widely noted in the papers of that day. She had, for instance, a pool in the back of her home, in which she kept alligators. She had a greenhouse, and there was a water fountain in the front of her home. The home itself was very costly, with hand carved mahogany railings, and painted murals.

Across the street from her home, where the "parking lot"

now stands had stood the "Tin Shop" of the Boston & Maine Railroad. A large ramshackle building, painted gray, it was one of the many repair shops of the railroad. Its foundations may still be traced, to this day.

Closer to the Square were two homes. The first, which is today a shoe shop, had been the home of the White family, and it was in this building that the mother of Philip B. Buzzell, Town Counsel was born. Near to the White home was the Ames home, where lived Joseph Ames, probably the best dressed man in town. Ames was a very remarkable man, a veteran actor, who had for many years been a member of the historic Boston Museum Stock Company. His home, today, is on Church Street, now the property of Benjamin Harrison.

The large building, on the corner of Church and Main Streets, which was completely burned by the fire, was rented by Charles E. Hudson, and had upstairs, a large hall, known as Ames Hall.

one of the Buck Brothers two stores, and was run by George Buck, one of the original "Buck Brothers." George sold hay, and grain, and all sorts of merchandise. The other Buck Brothers store stood where the present Buck Brothers place of business stands today, but the original building has since burned down.

Other buildings in the area included the "Y" depot, which formerly stood at the "Y", where the Lawrence Branch (Wildcat) Railroad leaves the Lowell Division of the Boston & Maine. This "Y" depot was the original depot of the Wilmington and Andover Railroad, (the predecessor of the Boston & Maine) and is probably the oldest Railroad Depot in the United States. It is today the home of Joseph A. Grimes, and stands across from the Masonic Hall. Captain Strong, a Shipmaster, was one of the first to use this building as a home, after it had been moved.

Where the hardware store now stands was the place of business of Schmiel R. McIntosh. McIntosh was a big burly man, a blacksmith, with a handsome pair of black muschios. He had started working in a shop behind the present site of the police station, and had gradually enlarged into other activities. At the time of the fire he was also the owner of a lumber mill, and was, like many other merchants of Wilmington, engaged in cutting the last of the big pine trees in this town. His mill stood for some years at the corner of Bridge Lane, and Main Street, and was later transferred to the site of the Bilerica-Wilmington Airport, where it had caught on fire and burned.

McIntosh had, without doubt, a very odd first name. His father was a State of Maine Shipmaster who had named Schmiel after one of the ships he had commanded. McIntosh was born in New Orleans, where his father was connected with a stevedoring firm. McIntosh's mother had escaped from New Orleans during the Civil War, and made her way through the lines, wearing a dress of butternut cotton, and carrying a pistol tucked under her arm, for self protection. Mrs. McIntosh died nearly 20 years ago, but the pistol is still in the possession of the family.

There were two street car tracks in Wilmington Square. The first was laid in 1896, and was probably the first electric car line in Massachusetts. The tracks ran from Reading to Bilerica, turning to the right at Perry's corner, to go down Woburn Street and Wildwood Street and up Church Street. Evidently the builders had sought to build to Lowell, but their franchise from the Legislature (perhaps influenced by the railroads) prohibited this, and the tracks had to go to Bilerica, crossing over the Burlington Avenue bridge, and going along the banks of the Middlesex Canal, to Shawshen Avenue, and Bilerica. The tracks were laid by newly arrived immigrants, among them being the father of the Editor of the Crusader.

Another street car line was laid a few years later, from Woburn to Lowell, and both lines were well patronized at the time of the fire.

ing-Bilerica line had earned an affectionate name of "Old Betsey," from the residents of Wilmington. This was the car that took the farmer's milk to market, the milk being in cans on the front and rear platforms. The motorman would stop anywhere, to deliver a message or letter.

Usually, the motorman of Old Betsey was a young fellow named Louis Holt, a very well liked and affable fellow, whose nickname was "Breezy." Louis used to make a special run, on Old Betsey, on Sunday morning, without pay, so that the people of Wilmington could get their Sunday papers. He delivered papers to the various stores en route, one of which was run by Ed Nichols, at Nichols Corner, on the corner of Wildwood Street.

Louis was the son of Martin Holt who lived in the old colonial house on Lowell Street, across from Strout Avenue. When last heard of, several years ago, he was working for Reed's Ham Works, in Burlington, and he is believed to be still living, although no one knows just where he is living.

Old Betsey, like the other cars, was a four-wheeled affair, and it frequently jumped the tracks. The Motorman and the Conductor and any passengers on board then would get out and lift "Old Betsey" back onto the tracks.

After Hudson moved across the square, he employed a young dark haired boy, at his standard rate of five cents an hour, to be a delivery boy. The son of a French Canadian immigrant, that boy is today, Henry Porter, Postmaster of Wilmington.

The telephone had come to Wilmington about a year before the fire, and there were a total of four telephones in the town. One of these was in Hudson's store, and was used to summon help from Reading and Woburn. Another was in the home of Wilmington's venerable physician, Dr. Daniel Buzzell. The exchange was located in the Buck Brothers' store in North Wilmington.

Miss Swain's notebook, in the Wilmington Public Library has an interesting undated clipping. "On the 5th of November, the old depot at this place was destroyed by fire, endangering much of the surrounding property, which was saved, however, through the timely assistance and well directed efforts of the neighbors and residents of the town. With a grateful appreciation for services rendered, Mrs. Harriet G. Ames, a large property owner, and Mr. C. E. Hudson, the prominent merchant of the place, gave an oyster supper last Thursday evening, in Ames Hall, not less than 150 persons being present. During the evening pertinent and forcible addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Har-

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Completely destroyed in the fire. The second floor of the building was Ames Hall. The man with the delivery is Rudolph Porter, with the sign, Charles Hudson and to the right is Ed Carter. Church Street is to the right of the picture. Picture Courtesy: Henry Porter

The hall was the social center of Wilmington. It was in this hall that the Wilmington Association Church had had its first meeting, inspired by George T. Ames, who lived in the building beside the Junior High School, now the home of Foster Balser.

The Elizabeth Whitefield Lodge, of the Order of the Eastern Star, which has just celebrated its 50th anniversary was another organization which had its first meeting in Ames Hall.

Ames Hall was the social center of Wilmington, but it was also used for other purposes. Sometime about the turn of the century, it was hired by a roving group of "Indians" who sold an elixir known as "Kickapoo Indian Sagew" These Indians put on Medicine shows, to the delight of the youngsters and amusement of their parents.

The Kickapoo Indians, for so they called themselves, sold the "medicine" for one dollar a bottle. Whether it was the cure for some other fea-

ture, that sold the medicine is not known, but a ready sale was enjoyed. The tradition persists that the medicine had a very pleasing taste, and that it was of high alcoholic content.

The Kickapoo Indians also acted as dentists, at least they advertised that they could pull teeth, painlessly. George McIntosh once had a tooth pulled which, he relates, hurt him terribly. When he complained to the Indian, after the tooth had been pulled, he was told—"I didn't hurt me!"

Charles E. Hudson, the man who built the Roman House, now the office of the Superintendent of Schools, had a store in Wilmington Square for years. He stood, for years, on the opposite side of the Square, between the tracks of the Boston & Maine, and the street, and across from the present "Theatre Block."

This earlier store was also a railroad depot, from the Boston & Maine. The depot was in the first

floor, and Hudson's store was on the second floor, together with an apartment, both of which had access from street level. Over the store was a large sign which read "Hudson's Store" and "Hudson's Restaurant." In the 1890's Hudson decided to move across the square. He made arrangements with Joseph Ames, and began to transfer his stock to his new store. Then, on the fifth of November, he had to go to Boston for business purposes. He took the 12:30 p.m. train, and a spark from the locomotive of this same train set the depot and store on fire. Mrs. Daniel Buzzell and George McIntosh, who was clerking in the store, for Hudson's, standard rate of five cents an hour, moved the books and some of the stock across to the new store, but Hudson lost a considerable stock.

What is known as then George's Restaurant was then

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Fifty Years Ago

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mon and Rev. Mr. Thurston, two of the local clergymen of the place, relative to the necessity of increased facilities for controlling future conflagrations. Several piano forte selections were played during the evening, and the occasion generally was one of great social pleasure and interest, well calculated to promote that harmony of sentiment and good feeling which so ma-

terially and favorably affect the growth and prosperity of this lively and enterprising village."

Wilmington was said to be without a fire department, in those days, but there was one piece of apparatus, at least, in town. It was an express wagon, loaded with shovels and hand-pumps, for fighting forest fires, and was owned by Joseph Hill, a blacksmith who lived on High Street, in North Wilmington. Hill was the Forest Fire Warden for Wilmington.

Hill drove his express wagon from North Wilmington, (having probably been called by the telephone in Buck Brother's North Wilmington Store), to the scene of the fire, at full speed. On his way he passed the Congregational parsonage, where Chester Horton, and Winifred Rice were building a fence, and he shouted to the two men that "The whole square is burning up."

Horton and Rice dropped their tools, and arrived in the square in time to assist taking furniture from the Ames Home which had caught on fire. Rice later became the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, a position from which he is now retired.

The account of the Boston Post, April 14th, 1903, is still preserved in the Wilmington Public Library.

Wilmington Square Burns
"The rapid response and effective work of the Woburn firemen who were summoned here at noon today to battle with a brisk blaze in a group of buildings in the business section, prevented a heavy loss. Four buildings were burned, and a number damaged, causing a total loss of \$20,000."

The fire started in the plant of S. R. McIntosh on Church Street, near the Boston & Maine Railroad station, presumably from a spark from the boiler. Mr. McIntosh conducted a blacksmith and paint shop, planing mill and wood-working establishment, all in a group of wooden buildings. From the main building the fire spread to the paint

WILMINGTON SQUARE BEFORE THE FIRE



Looking North, along the line of the Woburn-Lowell street car line. Hudson's Store, and Ames Hall, on right. Picture Courtesy Mrs. Ruth Gratecyk

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shop, and then to Mr. McIntosh's barn.

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The Woburn department sent a steamer and a horse wagon, which made the five miles in splendid time. The Ames building was in flames when the Woburn men arrived, and the McIntosh plant was almost in ashes.

The Boston & Maine depot and the store of Buck Brothers, almost across Main Street from Hudson's store, caught fire but were saved. Meanwhile the sparks from the McIntosh plant were carried across the railroad tracks and set fire to the grass. The flames spread into the woods, and kept a crowd of men busy.

While the villagers were endeavoring to save stock and tools in the McIntosh shops, an explosion occurred, but no one was injured. Considerable oil, varnish, etc., was stored in the building, and work at the fire was considered dangerous.

McIntosh's loss was about \$8,000, and he had about \$2,000 insurance. Mr. Hudson's loss is about \$7,000, covered by insurance. The loss on the building and damage to others, all owned by the Ames estate, amount to about \$5,000.

The town has no fire apparatus and no water supply. Today, however, there was a large supply of water in a pond on the estate of the late Henry Hiller, who was well known for his eccentricities in having a coffin prepared for himself and wife some years before their death. This supply was used to good advantage, but the pond is dry a large part of the year, and it is probable that steps will be taken to obtain a permanent supply.

During the fire, trains were sent from Lowell to Boston by another route. The Reading trolley wires were burned out, cutting off the cars on Church Street."

WILMINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE

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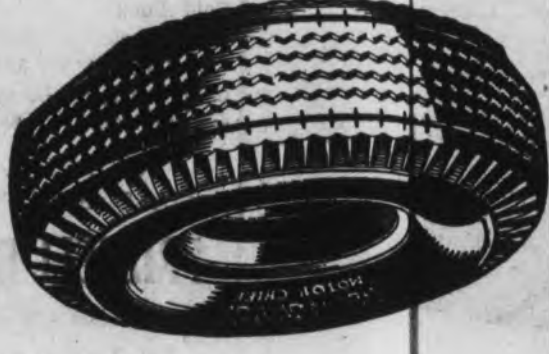
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LOUIE'S HISTORY BOOKS LEADS THE TM TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS

The Board of Selectmen's meeting, Monday night, was opened by the reading of an excerpt from the History of Middlesex County, a publication printed in Philadelphia in 1890, and written by Lewis.

Louis Eifman, proprietor of a local oil business had given the books to the Wilmington Public Library, the TM reported, and the TM took the time to read a paragraph which

pointed out Wilmington's natural advantages.

While the remarks of the book, with regard to Wilmington, were circa 1890, the TM expressed the opinion that Wilmington today was growing much faster than had been anticipated a few months ago, and he felt it would be necessary to accelerate plans, now in progress for re-organization, subdivision regulations, sewage, water supply, power supply and kindred matters.

January, February and March, said the Town Manager, were the busiest ever, in the records of the Building Inspector, with over \$200,000 in new permits in March alone, and it would seem that there will be no slowing down.

The TM reported that within the last few days he had been approached by two different firms, each seeking to build about 40 homes in Wilmington.

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT ON PARKING LOT

An application for a building permit, by the Wilmington Grain and Building Materials Company was discussed during the Selectmen's meeting Monday night. The company has applied for a permit to erect a building sixteen by seventy feet, for the storage of lumber.

Lawler expressed the thought that the town had a lease with the Boston and Maine Railroad, for the land (parking lot) and he was told by the TM that the lease can be cancelled on 10 days notice, by either party, but that the lease had not yet been terminated.

The Selectmen were not in favor of a building being erected at this place, and inspected the By Laws, to determine whether or not the building would be in compliance. They found that the building would be in a light industry zone, and were of the opinion that the permit would have to be heard by the Board of Appeals.

This led to a discussion of the possible action of that Board, and Selectmen Black expressed his chagrin at learning that the Board had turned down the request of Grimes

for a variance in another location. The Selectmen finished their discussion by expressing an opinion that a building of this type would not be to the best interest of the town.

UNUSUAL OCCUPATION DISCUSSED AT ROTARY LUNCHEON

The Wilmington Rotary Club, at its weekly luncheon on April 8th heard a discussion of unusual occupation, by Dr. Henry L. Foster of Newton and North Wilmington.

Dr. Foster is the owner of the Charles River Breeding Laboratory, on Ballardvale Road, which he transferred from Brookline, last year.

The Charles River Laboratory, said Dr. Foster, is the home of about 30,000 albino rats, and raises about 100,000 a year. The rats are raised mainly for medical purposes, and are used by many of the Medical Colleges, in the eastern half of the United States, such as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, University of Vermont, etc. Pharmaceutical laboratories, and Army and Navy endowed laboratories use many of the rats, too, as do many of the hospitals.

Many of the nutrition schools use rats to demonstrate how a diet of coffee and doughnuts compares with a balanced diet. Many allergies are experimented and tested upon rats.

The anatomy of a rat compares very closely to that of the human, and for that reason it is preferable to many other animals, for the various experiments and tests that have to be made. Rats are used extensively, not only in biology and medical courses, but for radiation testing, nutrition experiments, standardization tests of various drugs, old and new, and pregnancy tests.

Rats are extremely favorable for these purposes. In addition to being so close, anatomically, they do not require much space, and are extremely prolific. A mother rat can produce 8 to 17 rats, after a gestation period of 21 days, and will produce three litters a year.

Among the new drugs that have been produced with the help of rats for purposes of testing, are ACTH, Aureomycin, and Terramycin. ACTH, which is used for arthritis, is prepared in doses which are standardized on rats.

Wilmington air has done wonders for the rats, said Dr. Foster. The animals eat more, and grow more, now. The rats are kept hygienically clean, with pine shavings, for beds. Their diet includes milk, wheat, fish, corn, yeast and oats.

One of the important things about raising rats, is the disposition of the people who work in the laboratory. They do not necessarily have to be experienced, but their attitude is important. The animals will be docile if they are gently treated, and they must be docile, because many of the workers in the laboratories to which the animals go are female.

Undesirable animals must be detected quickly, and eliminated. The breeding pens are about 24 inches square. 10 females and 3 males will be put in one of these cages for three weeks. They must be vigorous and healthy, and are chosen from previous large litters. Afterwards the females are put into separate cages, to raise their families. The date of the birth of the young is put on the cage, and they are carefully watched. After three weeks the

young are weaned from their mother.

Mother rats, with 17 young are unable to take care of all of them and the usual method is to distribute some of the young to other litters which were not so large.

The litters average about half males, and half females. Most of the sales, however are males, probably because the laboratories think that we keep all the females for breeding purposes. We sometimes have a large number of females, with exactly the desired characteristics asked for in an order, but find that we have sold all the males. We are now trying to educate the purchasers into buying females as well.

Most of the animals are shipped by railway express, in sturdy containers to the place where they are going. We always include an extra five percent in the order, in case any thing happens, but it really isn't needed. The animals sell from 75 cents to \$1.50 each, depending on their age, and other characteristics.

Recently, we captured a black male rat, in a barrel, and we have now started some experiments, in cross breeding. The first generation are quite curious in appearance, being a mixture of the albino and black. We are going to cross breed again, with the idea of introducing a new element of strength into our animals.

JANET GOMES TO BE ORGANIST OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Miss Janet Gomes has accepted the position of organist of the Congregational Church, after the resignation of Mrs. Marjorie Emery, who has accepted a position with the Stoneham Congregational Church. Miss Gomes will take over her new duties on April 26th.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The pre-school registration, scheduled in the Whitefield School on April 14th was cancelled because of the heavy snow storm. Another pre-school registration will be held in the same school from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 27th.



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Early and careful planning for the placement of pupils in our schools next fall will be necessary because of the rapidly increasing school population, and because the new elementary school will not be ready for use until January 1, 1954.

To assist in making the best possible arrangements, the annual pre-school registration will

be held in April, instead of in May, as in previous years.

All children entering grade 1 in the fall, must be registered during the week of April 13. A birth certificate must be presented. If possible a vaccination certificate and a record of immunization to diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough should also be presented.

Children must be six years of age before January 1, 1954 to enter school next September.

REGISTRATION DATES
Walker School

Maple Meadow School
Wednesday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

M. H. Rogers School
Thursday April 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WEST SCHOOL
Friday, April 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children may be registered at any one of the schools listed above, regardless of which school they will attend.

GAS STATION PROBLEM

The Selectmen, Monday night discussed the gas station, building at the corner of Eames Street and Main Street. The building permit is in good order, but the Selectmen were not so sure that other matters, such as permits for gas tanks, were in apple pie order.

Jim Lawler, after some discussion pointed out that even if their permit to store inflammables were not exactly right, the owner had never attempted to use it yet, so that this became a technicality. The important thing, Lawler said, was that he had his building permit, and that he intended to go ahead. Mrs. Drew agreed that the Selectmen could not very well deny the owner the right to build, and all of the Selectmen concurred in a hope that something would be done soon. They felt that the good efforts of the J. W. Greer Company should be matched by similar efforts leading towards improvement in this particular section of land.

POST OFFICE INSPECTORS IN TOWN

TM Cushing reported to the Board of Selectmen that two Inspectors from the Post Office Department had been in town recently, surveying postal conditions. The two men were N. A. Tacy and E. R. Le Vault, and, among other opinions, one of the men had said, according to the TM, that he had seen only one postoffice that compared to that in Wilmington, and that Postoffice was in the town of Rangeley Lakes, Maine.

The TM pointed out to the Board that as a result of the new industries coming into Wilmington there should be another tremendous growth in postal service. One company alone, mentioned by the TM, spends \$3500 a year in postage, and the TM confident that within a year or two the sales of stamps in Wilmington should exceed \$45,000 a year.

The TM pointed out that the Postmaster in North Wilmington was due to retire in about three years, and that it might be advantageous to the town if it were combined with Wilmington, and at the same time there were other improvements.

With regards to the possibility of a new Postoffice, using Federal funds, the TM reported a conversation with Third Assistant Postmaster General Crowell, in which that gentleman had stated that the government has not built a new postoffice during the last ten years.

A letter, written to Senator Saltonstall by the Town Manager was read, in which it was pointed out that nothing had been done about the bids of Aug. 11, 1952, and that the town had grown much larger so that the information should be revised. The TM pointed out the tremendous increase in housing and business, the fact that Wilmington is now in a critical defense area, and that the tax rate is dropping by about \$9, which is expected to bring even more of an influx to the town. Mrs. Drew finished the discussion by stating that she too would see what could be done through the assistance of Senator Saltonstall.

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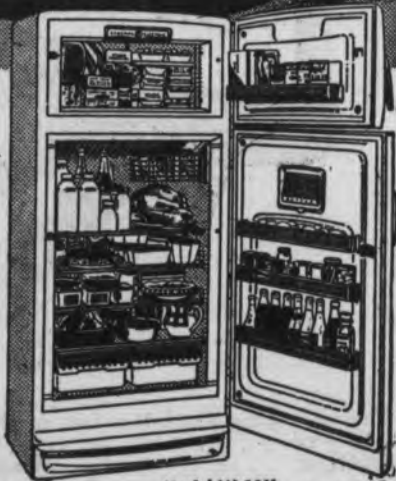
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RAVEN PATROL
The Raven Patrol held its weekly meeting on April 7 at Tommy Bowers house. The meeting opened at 7:00 with the Scout Oath. All members were present. At the business period, dues and attendance were taken and the A.B.C.D.E. lists were completed. A test on Morse code was given and Francis Kaszynski gave a class on lashing. The menu for the coming Camporee was decided on. The meeting closed at 9:00 with the Scout Law and the flag.

THE FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER HOSPITAL 1953

In 1912 the Visiting Nurse Association started the Winchester Hospital, a cottage hospital with 12 beds, and fostered it as it grew to 50 beds in 1917, and to 72 beds plus 20 bassinets in 1920.

In 1933 this group separated from the Hospital and became the Winchester District Nursing Association. Thus there was no organized group open to all women whose primary interest was the Hospital. From 1933 to 1946 there was discussion of forming such an organization.

In 1946 a formal report was made to the Hospital Board of Directors. In 1948 permission was given the Public Relations Committee and the House Committee of the Board to proceed.

Early in 1948 these committees and the other women of the Board formed a Volunteer Service Group, including representatives from organizations already aiding the Hospital. This Group, realizing the new wing would enlarge the Hospital to 107 beds plus 36 bassinets, investigated the functions of many hospital auxiliaries.

The hours of discussion and the fears concerning the readiness of the public to participate became past history when on May 12, 1950, National Hospital Day, an open meeting brought a splendid response.

Thus began the Friends of the Winchester Hospital.

Executive Board for 1952-1953

President, Mrs. Fulton Brown; Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Shoemaker; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. D. Whitten; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Paul Leverette; Treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Kelley, Jr.; Directors, Mrs. E. N. White, Mrs. E. D. Richmond, Mrs. G. G. Kaufmann; Chairmen of the Standing Committees—Membership, Mrs. C. R. Wickerson; Publicity, Mrs. C. A. Crandall; Ways and Means, Mrs. D. D. Connors; Program, Mrs. A. T. Hertig; Hospitality, Mrs. J. M. Gustin, Volunteer Service, Mrs. J. B. Harlow, Nominating, Mrs. W. B. Thompson; Ex-Officio, Mr. Harlan L. Paine, Jr., Administrator of the Hospital. By Invitation, Delegates from the other organizations aiding the Hospital. Women from the Hospital Board of Directors.

We have aimed to help the Hospital in any way approved by its governing authorities; aiding financially when possible, offering service where needed, and giving people opportunity to learn about their Hospital and what it means to the community.

Last Spring we gave our first gift to the Hospital, an oxygen tent.

Last Fall the Waltz Evening raised \$685.28 towards our next gift.

The Telephone Card Party in March raised over \$250.00 more.

This year we have 242 members, 128 of whom have done volunteer work. Another 112 have worked but are not members. This makes 240 workers in all, under the chairmanship of Mrs. James B. Harlow.

Records for the Blood Bank - Mrs. Dominic Runci.

Typing for Front Office - Mrs. G. R. Wickerson

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Chairman of Reading Services - Mrs. Gardner A. Lester

Chairman of Wilmington Services - Mrs. Robert Michelson

Now the construction on the new Hospital is finished, we will expect an even greater interest.

MISAPPROPRIATED CAR RETURNED

A 1940 Ford, owned by John W. Cordeiro, Shawsheen Ave, was borrowed without authorization, and reported as stolen at 6:45 a.m. April 14th. It was discovered in Billerica at 7:50 a.m. and returned to the owner. The car had been parked near the corner of Shawsheen Avenue and Hopkins Street.

ST. THOMAS NEWS

Masses: Sunday: 7:00; 8:30; 10:30; 11:30. At Silver Lake - 8:45; 10:45. Daily: 8:00.

Baptisms: Sunday at 2:00 P.M. in the Rectory.

Confessions: Saturday at 4:00 and at 7:30 P.M. at Silver Lake at 3:30 P.M.

Sunday School after the 8:30 and 8:45 Masses.

First Communion Class Tuesday and Thursday after school at the Church.

Released Time Classes Monday and Tuesday at the last hour in the school day.

Next Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday for all the school pupils of the Parish.

The Building Fund Envelopes will be collected next Sunday.

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts of a Reading Stand for the Sanctuary in memory of Mrs. Rosa Amaro, by her son John Amaro.

Organ Fund donations are acknowledged on the Bulletin Board at the rear of the church.

The Waste Paper Drive is postponed to Sunday, June 7.

The Junior C.D.A. will hold a whist Party and Food Sale on April 15 at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Provenzano, 220 West Street.

Banns I: James Young and Elizabeth Leinhard. II: Andrew Dobo and Jeanette DeCoster. II. Paul J. Catania and Virginia M. Papa. III, Bernard Ring and Margaret Noonan.

Our World Mission Exhibit will be held in Boston Garden from Monday, April 19 through Thursday, April 23, from 2 to 10 P.M. daily. We have 200 tickets on sale at fifty cents.

Entrance Examinations for St. John's Seminary and Cardinal O'Connell Seminary will be held on May 6 and May 7 at 9:00 A.M.

Remember In Your Prayers those of our Parish who are ill.

Your Prayers Are Requested For The repose Of The Souls Of: John O'Connell, for whom a First Anniversary requiem Mass will be held on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Annie B. McMahon, for whom a Second Anniversary Mass will be held on Friday morning at 7 o'clock.

And for Herbert Peterson, and our deceased parishioners.

BILLS AIMED AT LIGHT COMPANIES FOUGHT BY TANNER

As a member for several years of the Reading Municipal Light Board, Representative Frank D. Tanner is well equipped to evaluate bills affecting light companies.

He recently was responsible for getting two bills rejected which would have proved expensive for the light companies and for consumers.

House Bills 454 and 2049 have reference to public utility companies being required to place transformers in residential sections underground, and also to require electric power companies to place a specified percent (20%) of overhead each year for the next five years.

Both bills were heard by the committee on Power and Light, and both were unfavorably reported by the committee. Representative Richter, of Brookline, the petitioner of House Bill 454, moved substitution of the bill for the Committee Report when the Bill was reported in the House on March 30, 1953. Representative Tanner was assigned to carry the bill for the Committee in debate.

The usual argument that the wealthy power companies were well able to bear the expense of the proposed project was stressed by the petitioners. Representative Tanner told the House that while the project itself is desirable, the cost entailed in accomplishing the result would be prohibitive. Representative Tanner further argued that the cost of this type of construction would have to be borne by all users; further, that in the event of adoption, the matter of increased rates would have to be faced. It was developed that the cost per mile of underground construction was approximately \$100,000. The House voted to uphold the Committee Report and give House Bill 454 next annual session.

The other bill, House Bill 2049, petition of Representative William Keenan, of Boston, after the action by the House of House Bill 454, was not pressed by the petitioner.

House Bill 1612, a petition filed by Representative Howard S. Russell, relative to the construction of certain lines between the Town of Framingham and the City of Waltham, for transmitting electricity, is a bill of the same import as House 2049. This bill is still pending.

A truck-trailer combination struck a tree, near the LaDow place, on Main Street, at 9:10 p.m. April 13th. The driver Arthur Kibber of Walnut

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The Beginning

April 19, 1878, was the day that the Lowell telephone exchange opened for business. There were as best we know, 50 odd customers, all on party lines. Most were business firms, the others families.

The central office was located in a small room on the third floor of the Shattuck Block, 36 Central Street. Wires from customers' premises ran over rooftops and entered the Shattuck building through a skylight.

By standards of today, the central office switchboard was crudely made and not very efficient. But it was one of the world's first and, for a beginning, the finest that could be devised. It was viewed with great admiration, a contemporary newspaper calling it "a magnificent switchboard accommodating 25 wires and costing \$150."

Customers' telephone instruments did not consist of a transmitter and receiver but of only a single unit which served both for talking and listening. A person had to learn to shift the telephone at proper times between mouth and ear during conversation. Kibitzers of the day advised, "Now don't talk with your ear and listen with your mouth."

Lowell's telephone exchange was the first in Massachusetts and not very far behind the very first one in the world, which had been established in New Haven, Conn., on January 28, 1878. Besides New Haven's, only two or three others preceded the exchange in Lowell in the world beginning of telephone service.

The Man Responsible

Charles J. Glidden, who was only in his 20's and who had had communications experience as a telegraph operator in Lowell, was the man who envisioned and built this city's pioneer telephone exchange. To make it a reality he first had to convince prospective investors of its feasibility, and then to convince the public that telephone service was practicable and useful. It was no easy job in the face of widespread belief that the newly invented telephone was at best a scientific toy. The first of the 50 odd customers to agree to subscribe to service was Whitehead and Company, coal dealers.

Charles Glidden was not content to establish only a local telephone system. As the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, himself had done, the Lowell telephone pioneer also visualized intercity service. In turning that vision into reality, he built in 1879 what is regarded as the first "long distance" line, 26 miles between Lowell and Boston. Mr. Glidden greatly expanded his telephone interests in subsequent years. Still later

in his life he became an aviation and automobile enthusiast and the originator of the "Glidden Tours."

JOHN T. CLARKE APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT AT GENERAL ELECTRIC

H. J. Service, recently appointed Manager-Manufacturing, Accessory Turbine, Aircraft Gas Turbine Division, Lynn River Works of the General Electric Company, has announced the appointments of John T. Clarke as Superintendent-Assembly and Test and Bldgs. 66C and 66D, and of Frank Hutchinson, Jr. as Superintendent-Parts and Development Manufacturing.

A mechanical engineering graduate of the Lowell Textile Institute, Mr. Clarke joined the General Electric Co. in 1941 as a Test Engineer assisting in the design and installation of turbo-supercharger test equipment in Bldg. 32 and Everett. He became a Manufacturing Engineer in October 1941, working on sub-



JOHN T. CLARKE

contracting assignments for Bldg. 32. In 1944, Clarke was transferred from Engineering to Production and was appointed Stock Supervisor at Everett. He spent one year in Schenectady A.O.S. coordinating production design of engine accessories with outside manufacturers.

He was named Supervisor of Production for the Everett plant in 1949, the position he held until his present appointment.

Mr. Clark resides in North Billerica with his wife and son, Peter. He is a member of Delta Kappa Phi, national honorary engineering society.

Mr. Hutchinson joined the General Electric Co. in 1936, and is a graduate of the G.E. Apprentice Course and the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program. He has been a toolmaker in the Methods Shop, 32SG, Foreman of the Screw Machine Tool & Repair Shop, and from 1945-1948 held the position of Supervisor of Planning and Wage Rate (Screw Machine).

In 1950, he was appointed General Foreman of the AGT Division's Turbo & Impeller Manufacturing and a year later was named Assistant Superintendent of Accessory Turbine Manufacturing, the position he held until his present appointment.

He is married and lives in Gloucester with his wife and daughter, Terry.

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DAV NOTES

"Now is the time when gratitude means something."

This slogan has been selected as the theme for the Disabled American Veterans Forget-We-Not Day to be held in Wilmington on April 24 and 25, the William F. Tattersall Chapter 106, DAV announced today.

"We of the DAV feel that this slogan sums up the reasons and aims of our campaign in words that will inspire every citizen."

"Forget-Me-Not" has been the official blue flower of remembrance of the DAV since it was founded thirty years ago. The disabled have never forgotten the disabled. The DAV is dedicated to helping them.

"To wear one of these flowers on Forget-Me-Not Day is an indication that the citizen has not forgotten the men and women who came back with wartime handicaps and injuries. It is to express gratitude in a concrete way."

It was also pointed out that all funds raised during this campaign would be used to aid disabled veterans in this area and in the surrounding VA hospitals in this section. The local chapter also helps the wartime handicapped to obtain adequate compensation and pension as well as hospitalization and employment.

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICIALS ATTEND COUNTY COUNCIL

Officials of the Wilmington Post 136, American Legion, were present at the monthly meeting of the County Council, held in Winchester last Saturday. Commander Arthur Harper, of Post 136, led the Wilmington delegates.

ABERJONA MOANERS TO SING HERE MAY 7TH

The Reading Chapter of the Society for the preservation of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, known better as the Aberjona Moaners, will sing in the Wilmington Theatre, on May 7th.

One of the best known choral groups in the eastern United States, and New England Champions, the 40 man chorus sang here a year ago last December, in Villanova Hall, to a capacity crowd.

Proceeds will go to the Wilmington Rotary Park.

J. W. GREER APPLIES FOR COMMON VICTUALER'S LICENSE

Among the license applications considered by the Board of Selectmen, Monday night was one from the J.W. Greer Company, of Main Street, for a Common Victualer's license.

Chairman Black expressed his surprise that the company should want such a license. He pointed out that if it were granted, the company would be obliged to feed any person who wanted to eat in their cafeteria.

The business of issuing a license was tabled, for further consideration.

SCHOOL VACATION NEXT WEEK

Wilmington Schools will be closed all of next week, for the annual Spring Vacation.

NEW CITIZEN

Stephan Allan Wood, the son of Lt (jg) and Mrs. Raymond H. Wood, USCG, was born on April 11th, in Portland, Maine. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Stearns of Danvers, and Mr. and Mrs. Ariel R. Wood, of Columbia Street.

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Atoms	44	64	40613
Eagles	35	73	40531
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C. O'Brien			87.5
J. Duffy			87.5
N. DeFelice			87.3

OFFICER SHEPARD SEES A NUMBER PLATE

Officer Shepard, of the Wilmington Police Department, noticed a number plate on a car parked in Wilmington square, on April 11th, that didn't seem to be quite "kosher". Officer Shepard stooped, and took a second look.

The number plate was of the 1951 variety, with black paint applied judiciously, so as to cover up the red paint, and also the figures "1" of 51.

The driver of the car, Arthur Shurtliff, of North Reading, was taken in hand by Officer Shepard, and placed in seclusion, at the Wilmington Police Station. He pled guilty, in Woburn Court, on April 13th to driving an unregistered and unlicensed car.

The case was continued for disposition until April 21st.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL WHIST OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The annual Hospital Whist of the Auxiliary of the Wilmington Post 136, American Legion, will be held in Legion Hall, on April 17th.

Part of the Auxiliary's program to provide for disabled veterans, the whist will be in charge of Mrs. Jane Denehy and Mrs. Marguerite Harper. Donations for the prizes will be received by the ladies of the Auxiliary, and refreshments are to be served after the whist.

AMERICAN LEGION BUSINESS MEETING TOMORROW

The meeting of the American Legion Post 136, in the Legion Hall, on Thursday is "to be one in which there will be a lot of business to discuss, according to plans of the officials. Commander Harper is requesting that every member make every effort to attend."

BOARD MEETING OF WILMINGTON WOMEN'S CLUB

Because the regular meeting, on April 2nd was called off (it being Holy Thursday) there is to be a Board Meeting of the Wilmington Women's Club, on April 16th for the purpose of receiving and voting on nominations for office.

SELECTMEN APPROVE OF PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BONDS

The Board of Selectmen, Monday night, on motion of Joseph Woods, voted unanimous approval of the purchase of the new school bonds, and the new firehouse bonds, by Kidder Peabody & company.

The award, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, had been made by the Treasurer on April 1st. \$512,000 in School Bonds, bearing 2.75 percent interest, and \$60,000 in Fire and Police Station Bonds, with the same rate of interest, had been awarded by the Treasurer for the sum of \$573,538.68.

The School Bonds are for 20 years, payable until 1973, while

the bonds for the Fire Station will be paid for by 1965.

ROTARY CLUB LADIES NIGHT

Members and friends of the Wilmington Rotary Club, and

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Washington (IES) - Ike is keeping strictly out of Republican politics; but others say Wes Roberts had to go as a result of the 10-percenter scandals in Kansas.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

There will be a public hearing at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 21st, 1953 at 8 P.M. on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. to deviate from the Zoning By-Laws for the purpose of adding a 12 foot extension directly to the rear of present building on Church Street, Wilmington, Mass. Winston S. Chamberlain Secretary of Board of Appeals

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The first Americanization class in the history of Wilmington, graduated with appropriate honors, last Thursday evening, in the Wilmington High School. The ceremony was attended by many of Wilmington's notables, including Selectman and Mrs. Black, Selectman Mrs. Wavie Drew, Arthur Lynch, Chairman of the School Board, together

with John Hartnett, Mrs. Ruth Grateyk and Miss Eleanor Grimes of the School Board, Tom Galvin, Father Shea of St. Thomas and the Reverend Otis Maxfield.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Otis Maxfield, of the Wilmington Methodist

Church, after which the Flag Members!

Salute was led by Mrs. Priscilla Mills. A musical selection "I Believe" was sung by Ronald Lambert, accompanied by Mrs. Maybelle Bliss at the piano. Mrs. Helen Drokus, one of the graduating members spoke on "What it means to come to this School," and Mrs. Dorothy Fiske, another graduating member spoke of "What Democracy means to me." Miss Joanne Sanborn sang "Auf Weidershem," accompanied by Mrs. Bliss. Arthur Lynch and Clifford Good, Superintendent of Schools, each spoke briefly, and congratulated the students. The award of the diplomas was made by Clifford Good, and Miss Pauline Leiter, after which the Benediction was given by Father Shea.

Throughout the High School there were displays of the work done by the other students of the Practical Arts School, and refreshments were served to everyone at the close of activities.

EXPLORER NEWS

On the 18th of April, the Explorer Post 58 of Wilmington will put on an emergency demonstration to be demonstrated at the "Council Circus" to be held at Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

The act will consist of giving a scout first aid on a balcony, and then lowering the scout on a stretcher over the balcony to the floor (about 20 feet).

The scene will take place on an imaginary cliff on the side of a mountain where an airplane has just crashed and the Explorer Post 58 of Wilmington has come to rescue the survivors.

Attention to former Explorer

The Explorer Post 58 are trying to locate the explorer flag. It is believed that one of the former explorer members may have it. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please notify Robert McCabe, Explorer Advisor. Telephone 2985.

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